BEAUTIFUL

MERCER CAVERNS

"Showplace of the Sierras"

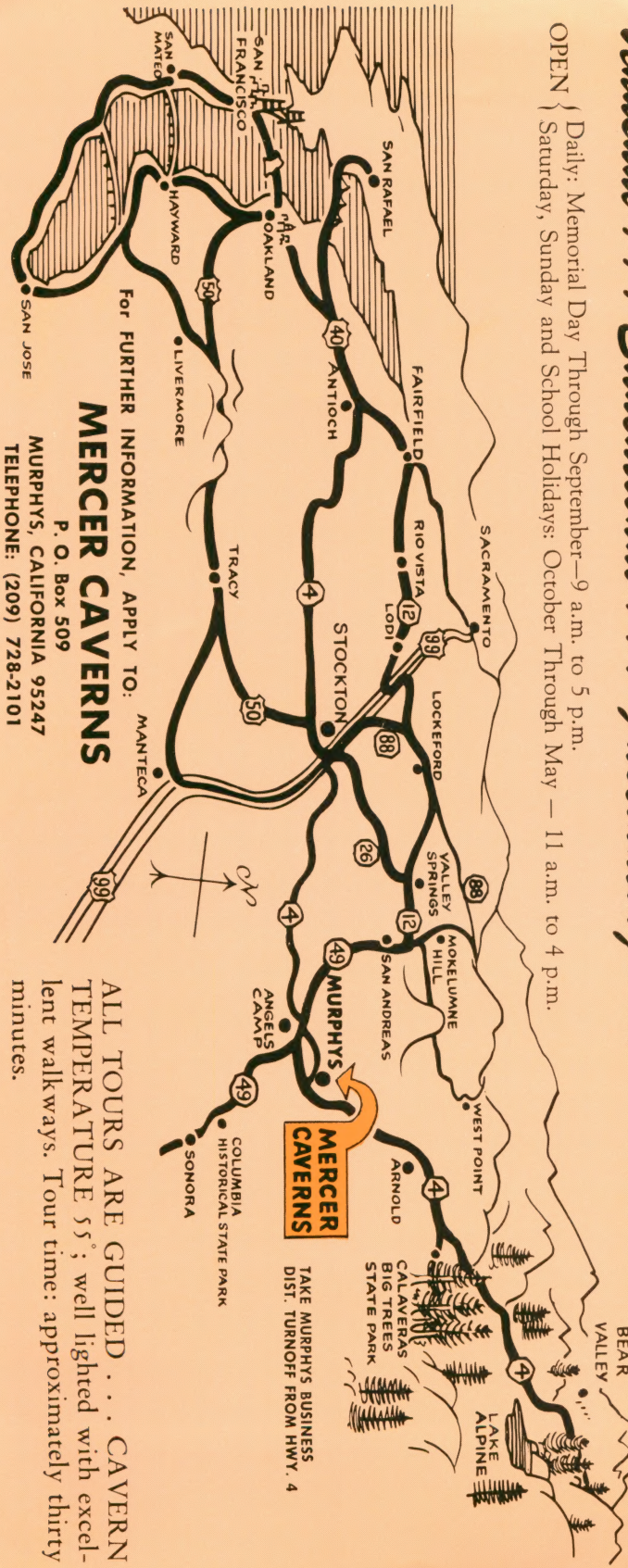
ANGEL'S WINGS

One mile north of Murphys, Calif., just off Highway 4, the Ebbetts Pass Highway to Calaveras BIG TREES

TRULY A MUST-SEE ATTRACTION!

Unusual . . . Educational . . . Fascinating . . .

OPEN { Daily: Memorial Day Through September—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
{ Saturday, Sunday and School Holidays: October Through May — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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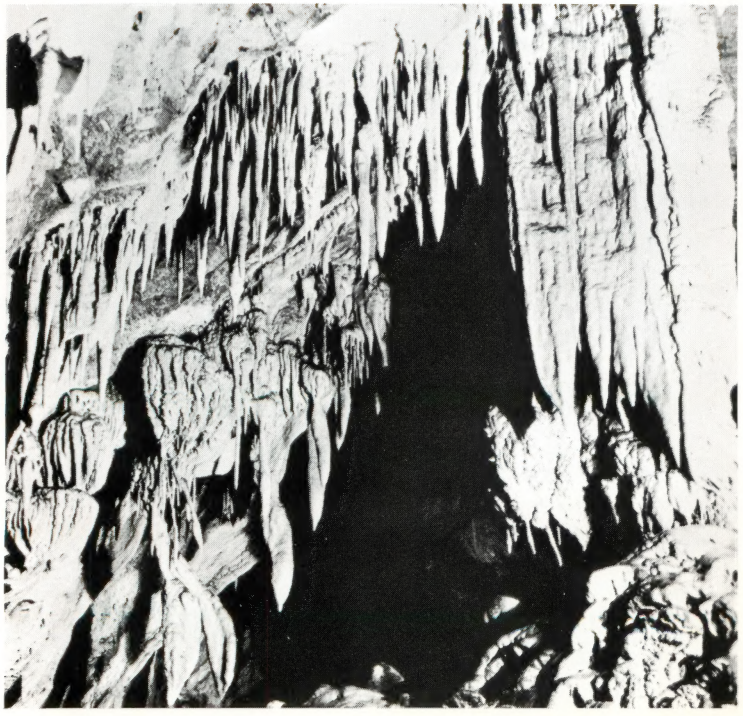
ALL TOURS ARE GUIDED . . . CAVERN TEMPERATURE 55°; well lighted with excellent walkways. Tour time: approximately thirty minutes.

MERCER CAVERNS, was discovered by Walter J. Mercer on Sept. 1, 1885, who had been prospecting for gold in the neighboring hills that day, and was returning home, tired and thirsty, when he noticed some bay bushes growing near a bluff of limestone. Thinking there might be water there, he made his way to the spot, but not finding any water, sat down to rest and shortly his attention was drawn to a small opening in the rocks by a slight movement of moss growing there. Upon investigation, he found a strong current of cool air coming out of the hole. A few stones tossed into the mysterious hole seemed to fall and roll for quite a distance leading to his major discovery of the caverns which have been visited by countless thousands of visitors, who now have shared his great experience of going inside of Mother Earth. Many unexplored passageways exist and are currently being checked out.



CHINESE MEAT MARKET — One of the many sets of awe-inspiring and sparkling stalactites and stalagmites.

ORGAN LOFT graces a vaulted chamber.

In Mercer Caverns you will see at very close range an enormous variety of beautiful and unusual natural crystalline formations of all sizes, textures and shapes. These will include stalactites, stalagmites, columns, helictites, curtains, flowstone and others. You will be dazzled by the superb artistry which Nature, through the centuries, has lavished upon this magnificent subterranean wonderland. A thrill you'll never forget. Located in the midst of the famous Mother Lode country which is rich in Indian lore and early mining communities, one will find a visit to Mercer Caverns a most delightful experience. Nearby is historic Murphys, Sheep Ranch and the famous Calaveras Big Trees State Park—a fun area for all.